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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e).

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-44, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time within which to file this response is also enclosed.